

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-19 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement with regard to claims 1-16. The grouping of the claims is set forth as follows:

GROUP	CLAIMS	SUBJECT MATTER
I	1-9	Multi-dosage Medicated Formulation
II	10-19	Method for Treating Substance Craving

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

At the outset, it is respectfully submitted that the present application entered into the national phase before the USPTO based on a PCT application. Thus, the rules that apply to the present application with regard to unity of invention are set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.475 to 1.477.

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.475(a), an international and a national stage application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. On February 1, 2005, the Examiner was provided with a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report. In this report, the International Bureau

maintained the all of the claims in a single application based on the fact that the claims were so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application does include claims that are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. The Examiner's restriction between product and process claims is not believed to be tenable. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.475(b)(2), an international or a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn to a product and a process of use of the product. Thus, claims 1-19 should be considered in a single application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider her restriction requirement.

As set forth in Section 803 of the MPEP, the Examiner must examine an application on the merits if the examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Two criteria are identified for proper requirement for restriction:

1. The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
2. There must be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required.

Applicants respectfully submit that a serious burden has not been placed on the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application. A review of the subject matter set forth in the claims would have an overlapping search. Thus, a different field of search really does not exist with regard to the claims of the present application.

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, claims 1-9 have been initially elected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his restriction requirement

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and act on all of the claims in the present application. If the Examiner does persist in his restriction requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claim at a later date if they so desire.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner did not consider the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on June 23, 2006, September 15, 2005 and February 1, 2005. Initialed forms SB/08 should be returned to the undersigned when the Examiner works on this application.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

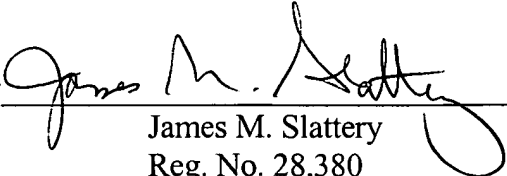
The Examiner should acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority in the next Office Action.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Respectfully submitted,

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